

Funds: FEMA will stage a joint field office next week in Salem

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The state needed approximately \$5.4 million worth of damage for the federal designation.

Port most affected

At least two-thirds of the reported damage in Clatsop County came from the Port, one of the largest waterfront landowners in the county.

By Brown's estimates, the Port recorded \$830,000 worth of damage because of wind, waves and debris coming down the Columbia River and settling around the central waterfront. Robert Evert, permit and project manager for the Port, said the agency is still gathering damage estimates from tenants such as Bornstein Seafoods, which reported damaged pilings underneath the company's fish-processing plant near Pier 1.

The city of Astoria reported more than \$125,000 in erosion damage along the Columbia waterfront, in addition to more than \$8,000 reported by the Maritime Museum, highlighted by a row of partially uprooted locust trees east of the museum. State Parks and Recreation, which closed Ecola Park Road because of erosion, reported \$183,000 in damage.

Could be awhile

FEMA will stage a joint field office in Salem next week, after which investigators will start making field visits to further assess damage. Even if everything works out with the final assessment, getting projects done can take a while, Brown said.

She gave the example of Bond Street behind the Astoria Mini Mart, which became one-way after a landslide in 2007. In 2011, the city replaced a water line displaced by the landslide to Marine Drive, which Brown said was covered by FEMA. She added that the landslide wasn't covered, but remains a city project to return the street to two-way traffic.



The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, which closed Ecola Park Road because of erosion, reported \$183,000 in damage from December's storms. Submitted Photo

Seaside: 'We're still the same community we've always been'

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"My message to visitors is, it's my belief that we're still the same community we've always been," Rahl said. "Seaside has been welcoming visitors for well over 100 years now, and what happened on Feb. 5 is unfortunately something that's been happening in all parts of our country."

Ruth Swenson, a Seaside Downtown Development Association board member, said the shootings have brought the community together.

"We are a very close-knit community, so this has affected us in sadness and grief in a way

I don't think anyone can measure," she said. "It's brought us together. We're happy that we live in a community that can come together and support Sgt. Goodding's family and the police department and all of our first responders."

Russ Vandenberg, the general manager of the Seaside Civic and Convention Center, believes there will be little to no impact on tourism.

"The general public will naturally have empathy for the Goodding family and ultimately be inspired on how a small community like Seaside pulled together to help support one of our own," he said.

Businesses throughout Seaside offered support to Goodding's family after the shooting, and hotels and campgrounds provided free or discounted lodging to visitors coming to pay their respects at the memorial service last week.

Susan Hart, manager of Sunset Lake Resort & RV Park, offered free camping at the park during the days leading up to and days following the memorial. Offering people a place to stay was a way to allow them to focus on remembering Goodding rather than



Jon Rahl

worrying about where to go for the night.

"This is like our family," Swenson said. "This hit home. We all feel like that. As a business community, the biggest thing we think of is how do we take care of our family."

So many donated time: Shilo donated rooms, restaurants donated food — and that's not including donations to the Fallen Badge Foundation. The question is: How do we take care of our families? How do we make it clear to our first responders how much we love and care about them?"

Swenson, who is manager of Seaside's Hillcrest Inn, said she has seen an outpouring of support from outside the community. "On the Hillcrest Facebook page," she said, "you'd be surprised at how many people wrote, 'We're so sorry for your loss,' 'We feel this is our second home,' 'How can we help.'"

"We had first responders who stayed with us Friday who came from everywhere who wanted to be here to show their support," Swenson added. "We've had an outpouring of people who have visited Seaside at one time or another and loved our town so much that

they wanted to be there for us, too."

"It wasn't about trying to make a buck last week," Rahl said. "Tourism is our livelihood here... but when you have something like this it puts it in perspective."

Rahl stressed the fact that the incident was isolated and not a reflection of what visitors should expect when coming to Seaside.

"If anything, I think people want to continue to show that they're prideful in Seaside and come and be here," he said.

Katherine Lacaze contributed to this report.



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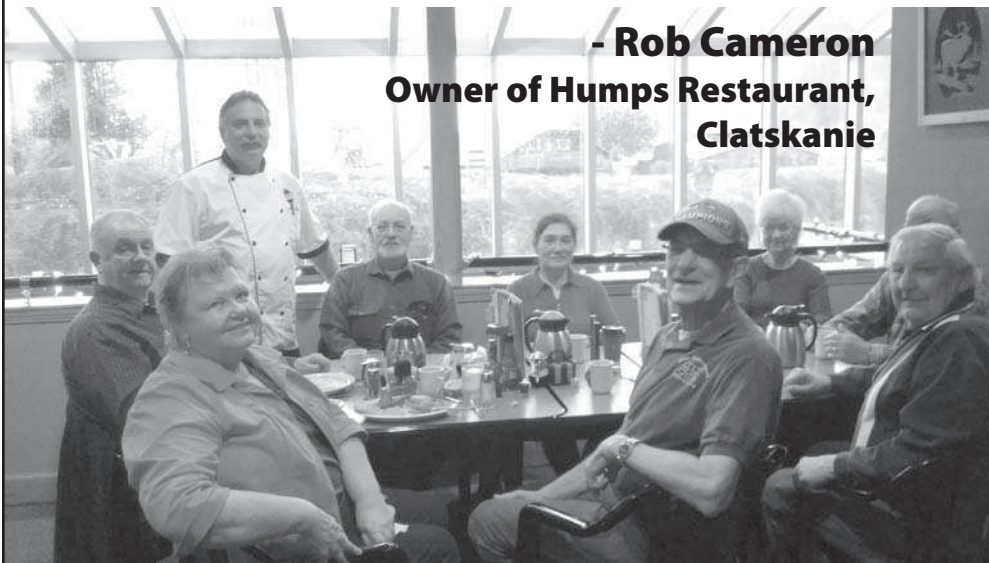


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